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SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF OVERSEAS INFORMATION TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN
AFFAIRS

1. LE QUAN GIANG, ASSISTANT TO THE FOREIGN MINISTER FOR POLITICAL
AFFAIRS, TOLD US FEBRUARY 10 THAT AT A CEREMONY FEBRUARY 8 THE
OVERSEAS INFORMATION AGENCY WAS FORMALLY TRANSFERRED FROM THE MINISTRY

OF INFORMATION TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. A WAY HAS BEEN
FOUND TO SOLVE THE LEGAL PROBLEM OF TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM THE
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION BUDGET TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.
AS A RESULT, THE FOREIGN MINISTRY WILL HAVE 940 MILLION PIASTRES
(\$1,343,000) FOR OVERSEAS INFORMATION IN THE CURRENT YEAR.

2. ACCORDING TO GIANG 34 MINISTRY OF INFORMATION EMPLOYEES WILL BE
TRANSFERRED TO THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. THEY WILL BE HOUSED IN A
RESIDENTIAL SECTION OF THE CITY FAIRLY DISTANT FROM THE MINISTRY.

3. ALTHOUGH RESPONSIBILITY FOR HANDLING THE FOREIGN PRESS IN VIETNAM
REMAINS WITH THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION, WE EXPECT THIS CHANGE TO
MARKEDLY IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF THE GVN'S FOREIGN INFORMATION
EFFORT. THE REORGANIZATION IS NOW IN PROCESS AND WE WILL REPORT
FURTHER AS INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE.

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